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For OBO - General Williams from Charge Hume  
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SUBJECT: Sudan: No Progress on NEC Containers

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11. (SBU) During a December 27 meeting with MFA Director of Americas Badawi al-Sanosi, Pol/Econ Counselor raised the matter of the detained containers pertaining to the New Embassy Compound (NEC), as in reftels.

12. (SBU) Al-Sanosi responded that he had tried several times to obtain an update from State Minister of Foreign Affairs Ahmed Ali Karti, but had not been able to meet with him. As such, he had no news to offer, but expressed hopes that there might be a "gift coming by New Year."

13. (U) On December 27, the Sudan Vision Daily, a government-affiliated daily, published an interview with Charge Hume that included the following closing exchange:

(Begin text)

Q: U.S. Embassy will build its premises for the consulate in Juba. What are your plans for your embassy here in Khartoum, you are not planning to have a big Embassy in Khartoum like many U.S. Embassies worldwide?

A: No, we are trying to build an Embassy here in Khartoum with a value of over \$100 million, but, your government, contrary to the Vienna Convention, has delayed the release of supplies, putting the entire project at risk. If this project is cancelled, I am sure that that cancellation will draw a large, unfavorable notice in the U.S. Through this interview, I urge the Sudanese government to meet its obligations under the Vienna Convention and release those supplies.

(End text)

HUME